

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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Stina ROTH et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/535,442	)	Examiner: S. Pohnert
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Filed: May 19, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 8832
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For: NUCLEIC ACID PROBES AND	)	
BROAD-RANGE PRIMERS FROM	)	
REGIONS IN TOPOISOMERASE	)	
GENES, AND METHODS IN WHICH	)	
THEY ARE USED	)	

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Attached to the Amendment and Reply are a reference (Wiesinger-Mayr et al., BMC Microbiology 7 (2007)) and figures (Figs. 1 and 2) cited in the remarks section. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, extending the period for response from October 21, 2008 to November 21, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, and consider the following remarks: